



## WASHINGTON CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Dear Dr. Koenings,

This letter is to acknowledge two contributions by members of your department. The Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society held its annual meeting and workshops this past week in Moses Lake, WA. At that gathering, many of your biologists made presentations on the biology and management of many wildlife species that occur in this state. Many of the meetings 125 attendees said that this was the best Wildlife Society meeting they could remember because they learned how management is applied to the biology of the various species. Your biologists put in their effort and time to increase the knowledge of biologists throughout the state, and their message was well received. I am thankful for their contributions which led to the success of this Wildlife Society's annual meeting. You have every right to be proud of how well they represented your department.

Your biologists that made presentations were: Steve Zender – White-tailed deer; Woody Myers – Mule deer and also Aerial survey risks; John Musser – Big-horn sheep and also Aerial survey risks; Dana Base – Moose; John Almack – Mountain caribou; Donny Martorello – Cougars and also Black bears; Don Kraege – Waterfowl; Joe Buchanan – Spotted owls; Howard Furguson – NE WA raptors; James Watson – Bald eagles; George Brady – Beavers; Tom Keegan – Ring-necked pheasants; Mike Schroeder – Sage grouse; Chris Thompson – Caspian terns; Jack Smith – Elk mortality; and Warren Michaelis – Elk population estimates. As you can see, their contributions were enormous to a meeting whose theme was "The State of the Knowledge of Wildlife Biology and How We're Using That Knowledge". Please join me in thanking your staff that made such a fine contribution to wildlife knowledge in this state.

The Washington Chapter of TWS also presented a Leadership in Conservation Award to one of your department's wildlife biologists, John Musser. The award recognizes a career's worth of achievements and dedication John has spent on wildlife issues in central Washington as a representative of your department. I know of no higher award that a wildlife biologist could receive than the recognition of the professional organization of wildlife biologists for his accomplishments. Included herein is a copy of the letter of nomination that was used to nominate John for this award. Please join us in congratulating John for his accomplishments thus far in his career and the recognition he has earned.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Fielder  
President

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